

Cities, Property of Negroes in, - 1918

Industry, Thrift and Progress

Are Qualities Possessed by the
Colored Citizens of Phoenix
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That the Colored citizens of Phoenix are a credit to the community cannot be gainsaid. Out of a total population of 35,000, Phoenix boasts 1,200 industrious Colored citizens. Ninety per cent of whom own their homes or live in homes owned by members of the race. They pay taxes on more than half a million dollars worth of real estate; own and operate 25 business establishments; maintain three churches; have numerous fraternal societies, including such strong organizations as Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and others. They own over 30 automobiles of different makes and operate several stage lines.

In no other city, the size of Phoenix do we find such wonderful progress made by our people. Considering the fact that these people spend annually, over \$60,000 in Phoenix, it is no wonder the local business establishments are willingly making a bid for a share of their patronage.

We can not go further with the discussion of progress without pausing to compliment our loyal, patient and intelligent teachers in Douglas school. The efficient manner in which the pupils of this school are being trained, is a credit, not alone to the principal and his co-workers, but to the entire community. One needs but to visit this institution of learning in order to substantiate these statements. Every two weeks a nice program is arranged. This consists of musical numbers, recitations, compositions and other literary efforts. One day each week is given to buying and selling Thrift Stamps. The children enjoy this diversion, and are very enthusiastic in their effort to help Uncle Sam. Principal Landry said that on these days patriotism reigns supreme.

The shaping of the destinies of our young folks could not be entrusted to more capable instructors than the present corps of teachers; Principal P. Landry, Mesdames Clayton, Maroney and Gardiner. With a total enrollment of 145 pupils, Douglas school is truly coming into its own.

In presenting you these startling figures indicating the progress being made by the Colored citizens of Phoenix, we have been careful not to mis-

state a fact. Eminent authority was consulted before arriving at these conclusions. In every case the actual figures arrived at were larger than those given here.

Let us not rest with the present laurels so nobly won, but press on to greater heights where fame and fortune await to crown all honest effort.

THE ALLEY LAW. *The Bee May 18, 1918.*

The Senate has voted to postpone the operation of the alley law for one year, and there is no doubt that the House will concur. It is safe to predict that the President will sign the joint resolution. No preparation having been made for the enforcement of the alley law, there is no other recourse but to postpone it. The exigencies of the war are very properly the first consideration at this time. The Bee made a strong plea six months ago for the strict enforcement of the law, but later yielded to the judgment of the Emergency Housing Association, that one year's postponement would be wise, if coupled with prompt steps to provide substitute housing facilities in a reasonable time. A measure has been introduced in Congress to accomplish the latter, and the prospect is now very satisfactory.

The present prospect is no doubt a distinct disappointment to some owners of alley houses and some real estate agents, who wanted the alley law postponed five or ten years, if not indefinitely.

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